

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Solicit public comment (from tonight's meeting) and incorporate public input.
- Submit preliminary engineering study to ODOT.
- Conduct environmental studies.
- Select preferred alternative.
- Begin design of the preferred alternative.
- Hold public meeting in Fall 2005 to display the preferred alternative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information or to submit comments regarding the Colerain Avenue Intersection Improvement project, please contact: **James Brenneman, Project Manager** at 1-800-229-1774 ext. 279 or jbrenn@mecompanies.com.



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Colerain Avenue Intersection Improvement Project

PROJECT UPDATE

Following the November 30, 2004 public meeting, Alternatives 1 and 2 were dismissed because of right-of-way and residential impacts to the community. The No-Build Alternative and Alternative 3 were then advanced by the City of Cincinnati and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for further study. Two additional variations of Alternative 3 are being considered.

ALTERNATIVES

No-Build Alternative

The No-Build Alternative maintains the existing roadway and is required for all ODOT projects.

No-Build Alternative Estimated Cost = \$0	
Pros	Cons
Requires only maintenance costs	Perpetuates the existing intersection
Makes no community or environmental impacts	Provides no safety improvements
Makes no construction impacts	Provides no traffic flow improvements

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Alternative 3

This alternative will realign Virginia Avenue opposite West Fork Road; add a double left turn lane on Virginia Avenue; and add a right turn lane on Northbound Colerain Avenue to Virginia Avenue.

Alternative 3 Estimated Cost = \$2.2 million	
Pros	Cons
Realigned Colerain/Virginia intersection improves signal phasing	Impact to business properties in SW quadrant
Improves traffic safety through more efficient operation	Requires taking tire store in SW quadrant
Makes very minimal environmental impacts	
Affects no residential properties	
Realigned Virginia/Chase intersection	

Alternative 3B

This variation of Alternative 3 would realign Virginia Avenue opposite West Fork Road; add a double left turn lane on Virginia Avenue; add a right turn lane on Northbound Colerain Avenue to Virginia Avenue; and add a double right turn onto the I-74 entrance ramp.

Alternative 3B Estimated Cost = \$2.2 million	
Pros	Cons
Realigned Colerain/Virginia intersection improves signal phasing	May require Interchange Modification Study & interchange improvements
Functions similarly to Alternative 3	Impact to business properties in SW quadrant
Makes very minimal environmental impacts	Requires taking tire store in SW quadrant
Affects no residential properties	Requires more R/W in SW quadrant than 3 & 3C
Realigned Virginia/Chase intersection	

Alternative 3C

Alternative 3C would realign Virginia Avenue opposite West Fork Road; add a double left turn lane on Virginia Avenue; and add a free flow right turn lane on Northbound Colerain Avenue to Virginia Avenue.

Alternative 3C Estimated Cost = \$2.1 million	
Pros	Cons
Realigned Colerain/Virginia intersection improves signal phasing	Not as pedestrian friendly as 3 & 3B
Handles NB right turning traffic better	Requires taking more of vacant "Mound" lot
Improves traffic safety through more efficient operation	Impact to business properties in SW quadrant
Makes very minimal environmental impacts	Requires taking tire store in SW quadrant
Affects no residential properties	
Realigned Virginia/Chase intersection	